Phone call to Lonnie Hudkins 9/24/75

Purpose: warn him that Aynesworth is giving a different version ofx the 179 story and suggest caution because of the forces at work and to let him know. He says Hugh still full-time R CIA agent.

Lonnie put columnist-assistant mg. ed Jack Ryan on the phone. Ryan told of incident a year or so ago when Aynesworth was in Baltimore and they were having a drink together when Aynesworth volunteered the story Lonnie tells. Same details then.

Lonnie says that Rather told him that a year or more ago when Rather was pursuing the 179 story Hugh told him "to get off of it that it was not what it appeared." Rather said that he took this advice, believing it.

Vince Drain, Lonnie says, was LBJ's man and even Hoover didn't fool with him. He did "all the heavy work on this case and you never see his name on a single report." Not quite but close.

On the LHO move Lonnie was with Decker and he thinks Hugh was then said not when about 2 a.m. Decker tried hard to get agreement to make a secret move immediately. Couldn't. "Decker cried. Literally cried...begged 'come on partner'... finally he said it was no use."

Decker was certain something like what did happen was afoot.

Lonnie says the story Drain's report and Curry tell is false about that interval but I think he may be limiting to the time Decker was still in his office.

I did not get accross to Lonnie to begin with that my purposes were to caution him because I knew he had written still another story and that he might get caught in the middle.

Ryan saw it and then Lonnie did.

Lonie said someone had been to see him recently, he presumes representing some official body, and he recommended that they subpoena people he named.

He said the last time someone tried to rough him up he got a broken back. He said literally and asked if Sweatt had told me this story. Hadn't.